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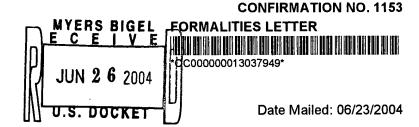
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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

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Items Required To Avoid Abandonment:

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Thomas W. Leonard Application No.: 10/821,278

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For: METHODS OF ADMINSTERING ESTROGENS AND PROGESTINS

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS

Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application-Filing Date Granted (PTO-1533), mailed June 23, 2004 regarding the above-referenced patent application, enclosed is an executed Declaration and Power of Attorney document (3 pages) for this application.

A copy of the Notice and a check in the amount of \$130.00 for the surcharge under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16(e), is also enclosed. This amount is believed to be correct. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0220.

If any extension of time for the accompanying response or submission is required, Applicant requests that this be considered a petition therefore.

Respectfully submitted,

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